

Upon hearing the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force all of its TV stations to air a clearly anti-Kerry "documentary" I was outraged and could hardly believe that FCC laws allow such partisan attacks by a broadcast corporation. In fact, the law seems to indicate that this is illegal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting has a clear agenda that excludes other dissenting voices from being heard. This is evident in their history of refusing to air programs on Nightline commemorating fallen soldiers in Iraq, for refusing to air Kerry ads, etc. Thus, Sinclair does not serve the public interest because it presents an unbalanced polarized political viewpoint. This is absolutely abhorrent for a media corporation that claims to present an unbiased report of the news.

Just glancing at the website for a station nearby (WSMH Fox 66, in Flint, MI, www.wsmh66.com) clearly reveals an anti-Kerry, pro-Bush agenda. This isn't news! This is blatant campaigning that is subject to FEC rules and regulations. Sinclair should pay for their partisan attack and efforts on the part of the Bush campaign. This is irresponsible and illegal. This is not journalism. It violates America's philosophy of equality and balanced, unbiased journalism. Sinclair does not serve our community; it only serves itself through propagation of free partisan propaganda through our airwaves. Please take these comments (and others) seriously. Our Democracy is in jeopardy if big media giants can carry on with such graven disregard for fairness and balance.
Thank you.
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